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RED LANTERNS



THE
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RULE OF
THE
JUDGE!



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DO YOU
REALIZE WHAT
YOU HAVE
BECOME?

YOU ARE GRAND
AND GLORIOUS. YOU ARE
PART OF SOMETHING NOBLE.
SOMETHING JUST. A NEWLY
BORN RED LANTERN.

COME WITH
ME. I CAN TELL
YOU WHAT THAT
MEANS.

BUT FIRST...
WHAT IS YOUR
NAME? I WOULD
KNOW YOU.

I AM...A
JUDGE.

WHO ARE
YOU? ARE YOU...
ARE YOU
RIGHTEOUS?

MY DEAR
LADY...

I AM
ATROCITUS,
AND THERE IS NONE
MORE RIGHTEOUS
THAN I.

WE
SHALL
SEE.

YAARGH!

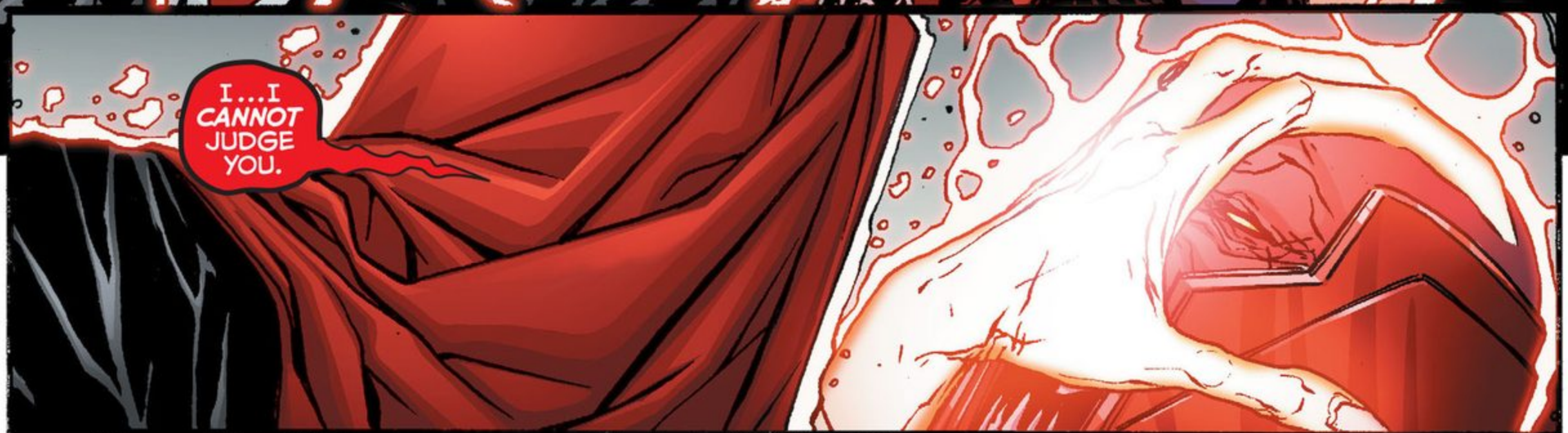
HSSSSSS!





DEX-STARR...
NO. I-LET THE
JUDGE DO WHAT
SHE WILL.

I HAVE...
NOTHING
TO HIDE.



I...I
CANNOT
JUDGE
YOU.



YOU HAVE DONE TERRIBLE
THINGS--BUT YOU DO NOT
BELIEVE THEM TO BE SO. IN
YOUR MIND, IN YOUR CODE,
EVERYTHING IS RIGHT.
NECESSARY.

PART OF
THE NATURAL
LAW OF THE
UNIVERSE.

YOU ARE
CONVINCED. I HAVE
NEVER ENCOUNTERED
SOMEONE SO UTTERLY
CONVINCED.

SHLUKK



UNDER
THE LAWS OF
MY PEOPLE,
YOU ARE A
MONSTER.

BUT I AM
NOT OF YOUR
PEOPLE.

NO. SO
WHO AM I
TO SAY?

HEH.



LET
ME TELL
YOU.

YOU ARE A
RED LANTERN,
A SACRED
WEAPON FOR
JUSTICE IN THE
UNIVERSE.

AND I
AM YOUR
MAKER.

NEARBY.

INCREDIBLE. ALL OF US TOGETHER WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME DOING THIS MUCH DAMAGE.

WE HAVE TO STOP THIS, SKALLOX. THE WHOLE CITY'S DYING.

I'M OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS, GARDNER. ATROCITUS AND DEX-STARR ARE OUT THERE TOO, DON'T FORGET.

WHAT DO YOU PROPOSE WE DO?



GARDNER? WHAT SHOULD WE--

I DON'T KNOW, DAMMIT!

THIS NEW RED COULD PROBABLY TAKE US OUT BY HERSELF, AND ATROCITUS AND HIS PET MONSTER WANT OUR HEADS.

THIS HAS GOTTEN OUT OF CONTROL. I NEVER SHOULD HAVE SPLIT US UP TO LOOK FOR THE NEW RED.

AS STRONG AS KARA IS, FOR ALL I KNOW SHE AND BLEEZ ARE ALREADY--

GUY! I FOUND HER. SHE'S... TERRIFYING, BUT I THINK WE CAN HELP HER.

WHERE IS SHE? CAN YOU GET HER UP TO THE KAALVAR? WE'VE GOT BLOOD FROM THE YSMAULT LAKE STASHED IN ITS HOLD. SHOULD CALM HER DOWN.

WE...FOUGHT, SORT OF.* I LEFT HER DOWN THERE. I HAVE AN IDEA.

SHE DOES INDEED, GARDNER. YOU'RE GOING TO HATE IT.

YEAH? PROBABLY BETTER THAN ANYTHING I GOT, BLEEZ. LET'S HEAR IT, KARA.

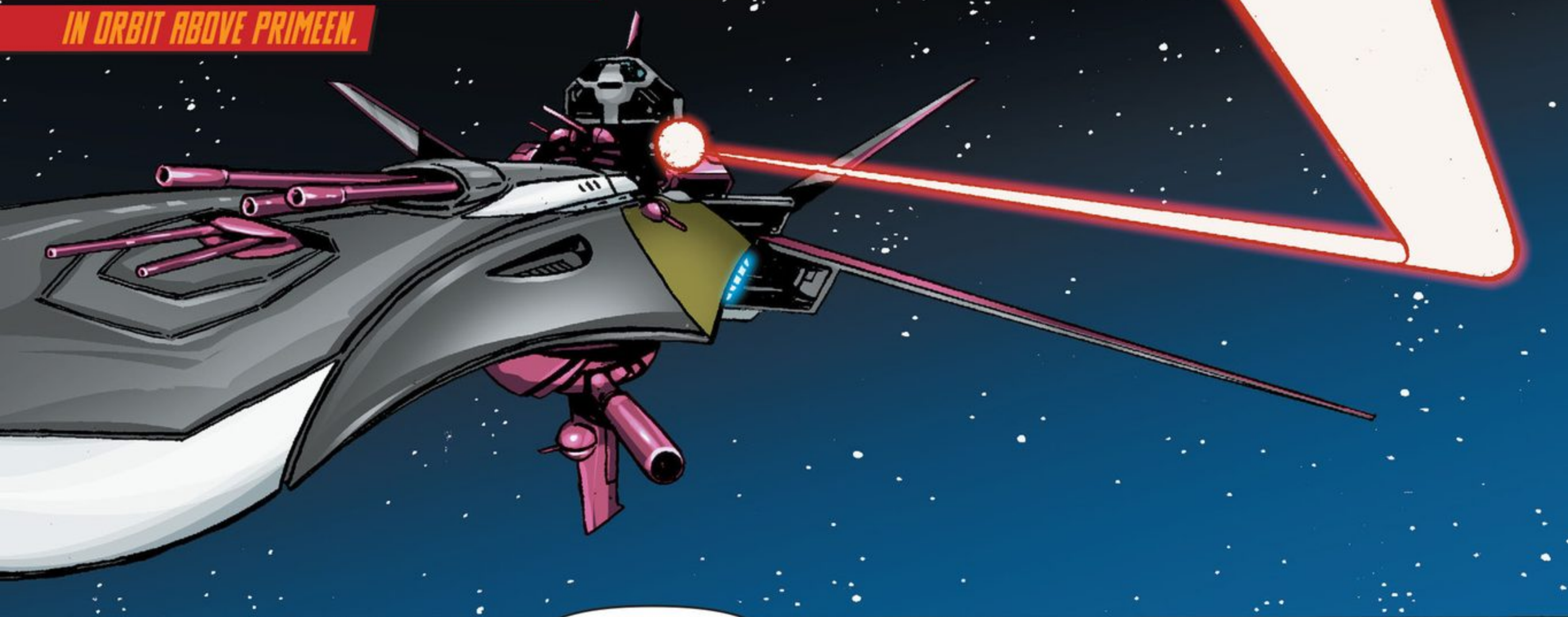
NO TIME!

KARA! WHAT THE HELL??

DON'T WORRY! I'LL HANDLE IT!

*AS SEEN IN "JUDGMENT DAY" PART 2--LAST WEEK'S SUPERGIRL #31!--CHRIS

THE KARLVAR. FLAGSHIP OF THE RED LANTERNS.
IN ORBIT ABOVE PRIMEEN.



OH, HEY, KARA.
WHAT'S UP? YOU
GUYS ALREADY
FINISH DOWN THERE?
WHAT'S THE NEW
RED LIKE?

HEY, ZOX.
SHE'S...NOT SO
GOOD RIGHT NOW,
HONESTLY.

WHERE DID
YOU PUT THAT
BLOOD FROM
THE LAKE ON
YSMAULT?

HOLD 14.
I PUMPED IT FULL
OF THE STUFF BEFORE
WE LEFT. MAKES ME A
LITTLE NERVOUS, ACTUALLY.
14'S RATED FOR CAUSTIC
CHEMICALS, BUT YOU KNOW
WHAT THAT BLOOD'S LIKE.
DON'T WANT IT EATING A
HOLE THROUGH
THE HULL.

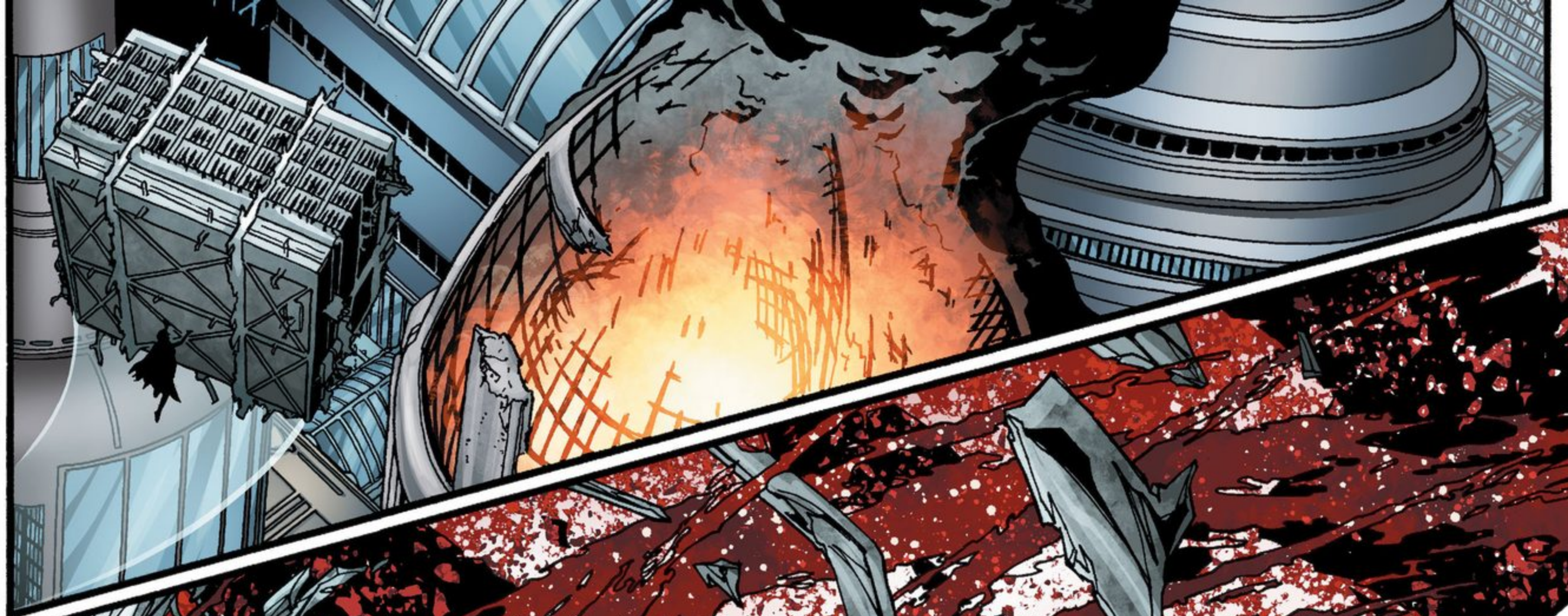
NO
PROBLEM.
I'LL TAKE
IT.



SURE,
KARA, THANKS.
SEE YOU
LATER.

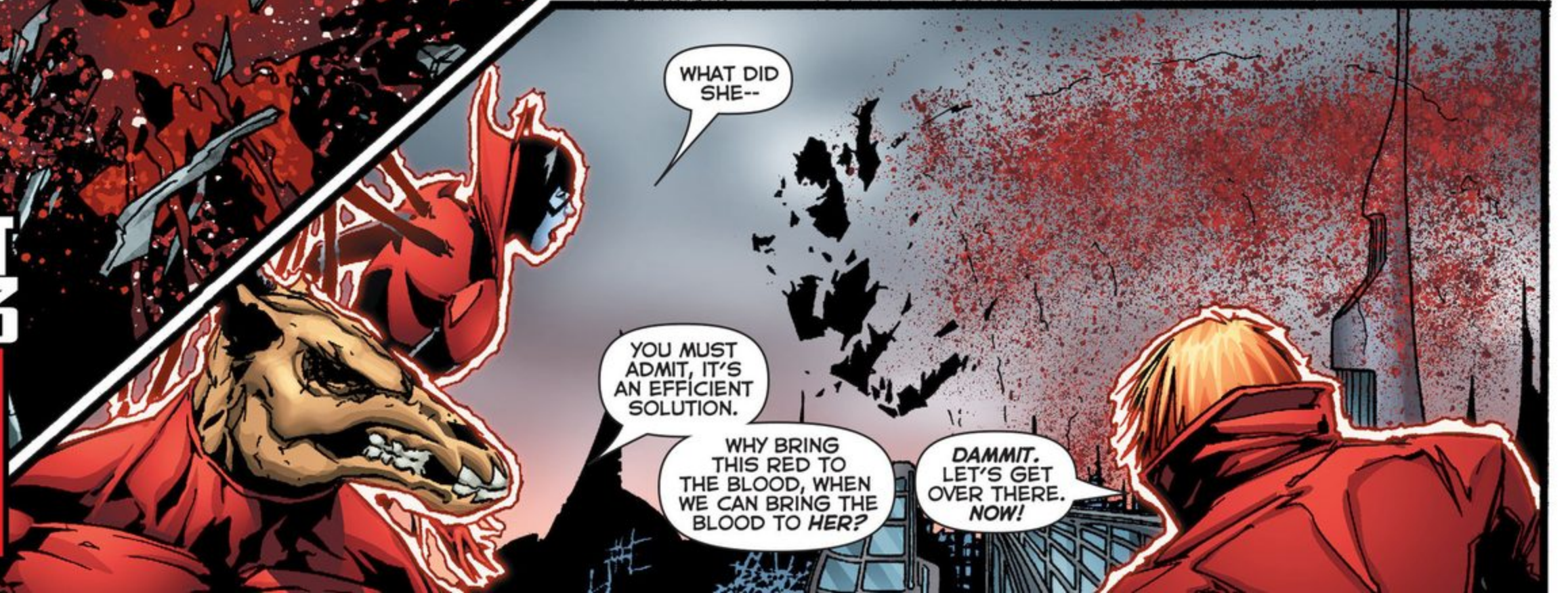


WAIT.
WHAT?



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WHAT DID SHE--

YOU MUST ADMIT, IT'S AN EFFICIENT SOLUTION.

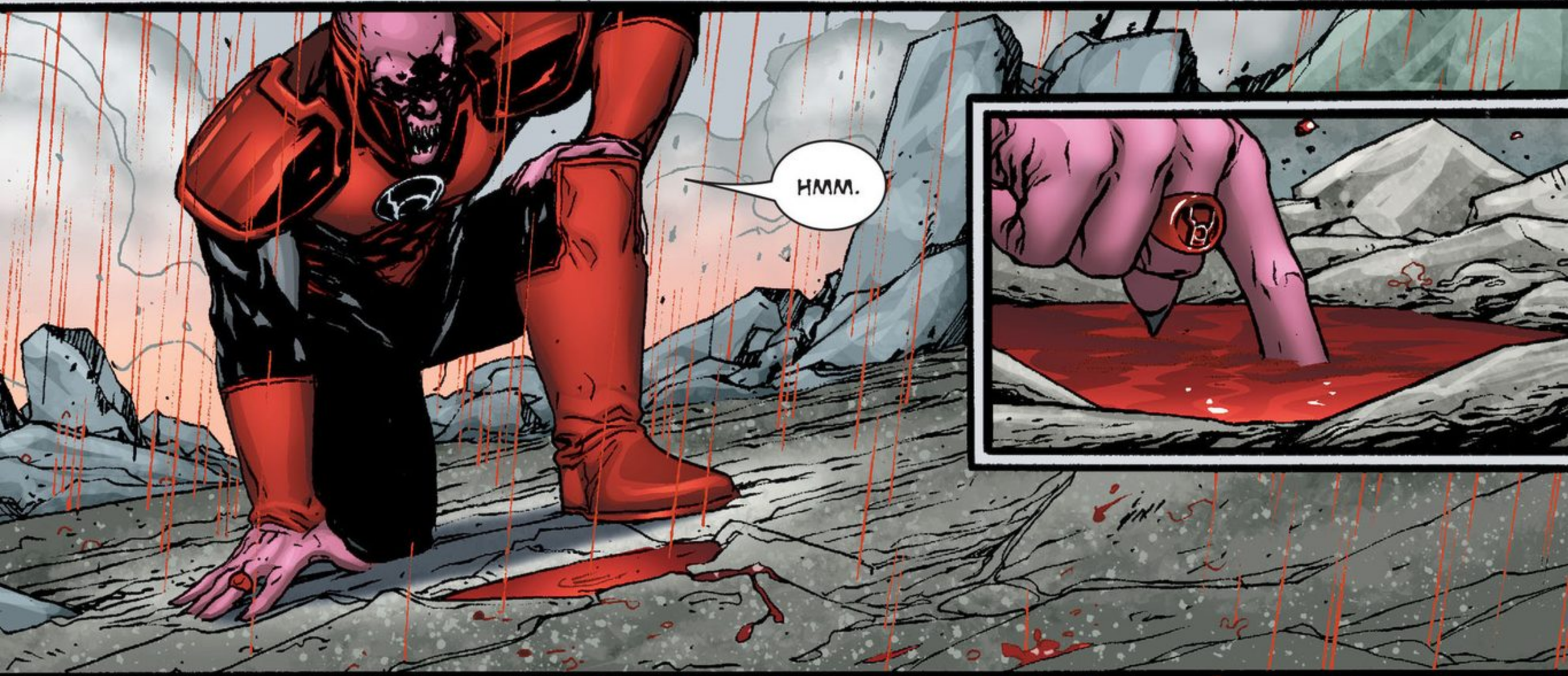
WHY BRING THIS RED TO THE BLOOD, WHEN WE CAN BRING THE BLOOD TO HER?

DAMMIT. LET'S GET OVER THERE. NOW!

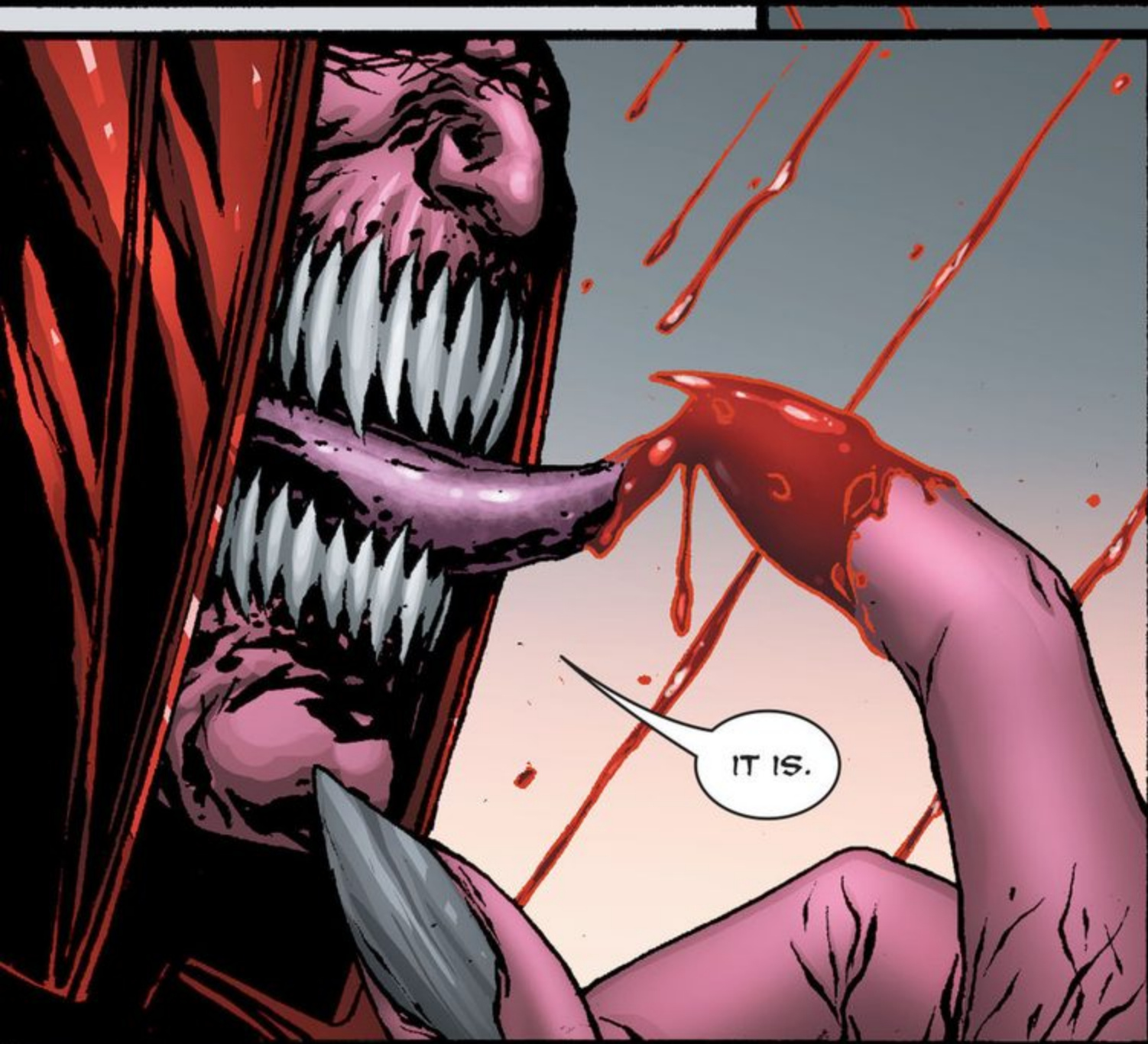


WHAT IS
THIS?

SMELLS
LIKE... CAN
IT BE?



HMM.



IT IS.



GUY
GARDNER.
YOU FOOL.



~HRRCH~

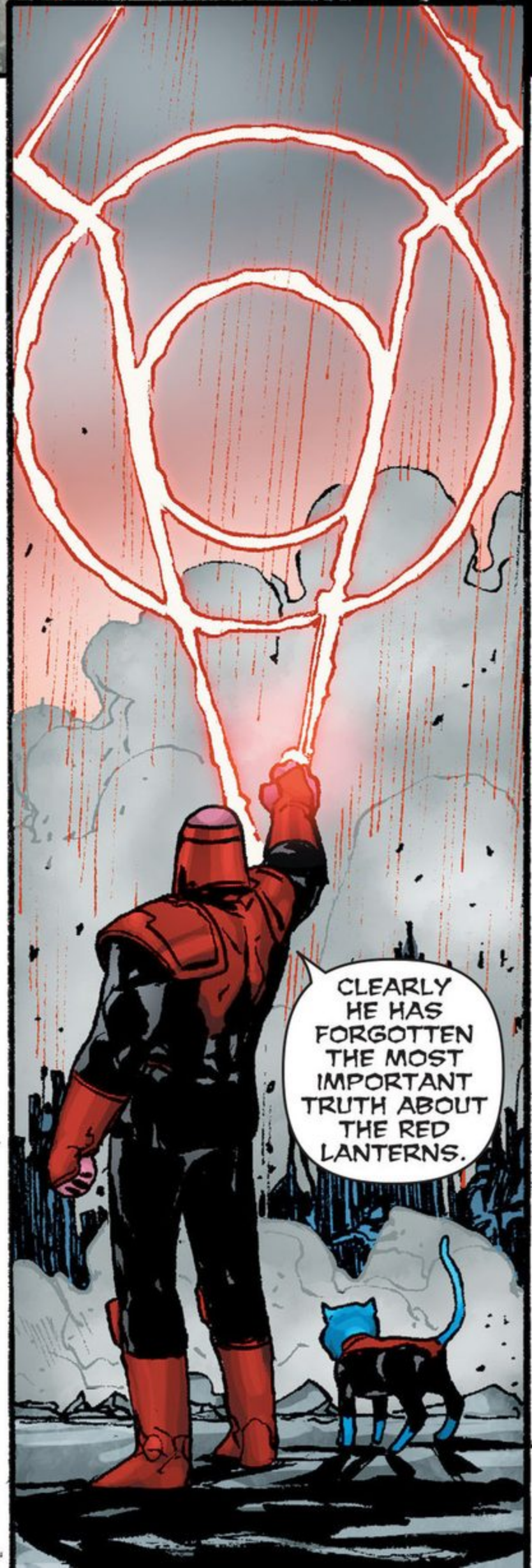
COME,
DEX-STARR.

SPLASH



GUY
GARDNER AND
HIS TRAITORS
ATTACK US WITH
THE SACRED
BLOOD?

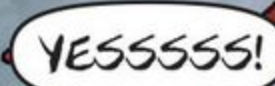
WITH THE
VERY SUBSTANCE
THAT MAKES US
WHO WE
ARE?



CLEARLY
HE HAS
FORGOTTEN
THE MOST
IMPORTANT
TRUTH ABOUT
THE RED
LANTERNS.



THE
BLOOD IS
MINE.





OH NO.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

IT'S ATROCITUS.



AND NOW HE KNOWS WE'RE HERE.

I DIDN'T...

HE'S A SHAMAN-- HE CREATED THE RINGS, AND THE MYSTICAL BLOOD, AND HE CAN CONTROL IT. HE'S TELLING US WE HAVE NO HOPE AGAINST HIM.

SO WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?



HE CAN USE THAT BLOOD, RIGHT? POWER UP SOMEHOW? HE'S GOT THAT...I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU CALL IT...MAGIC.

YES. WITH THAT MUCH, THERE'S NO LIMIT TO WHAT HE COULD DO HERE. WE SHOULD WITHDRAW.

UNLESS YOU WANT TO CHOOSE THIS MOMENT TO CONFRONT THE PERSON YOU SAVAGELY BEAT TO DEATH NOT SO LONG AGO.

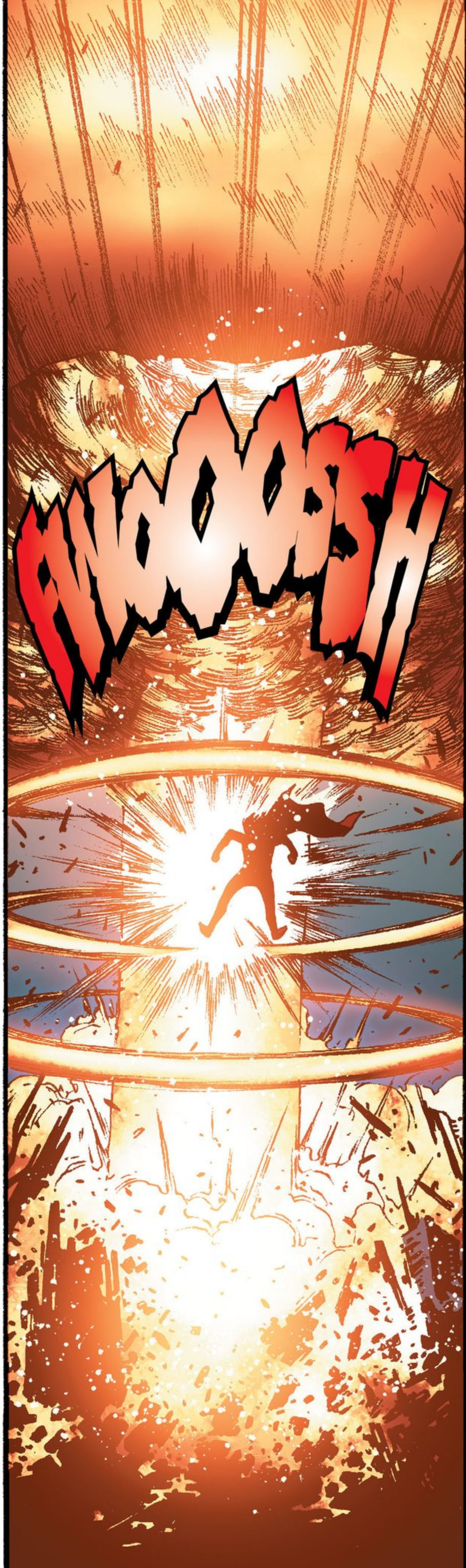
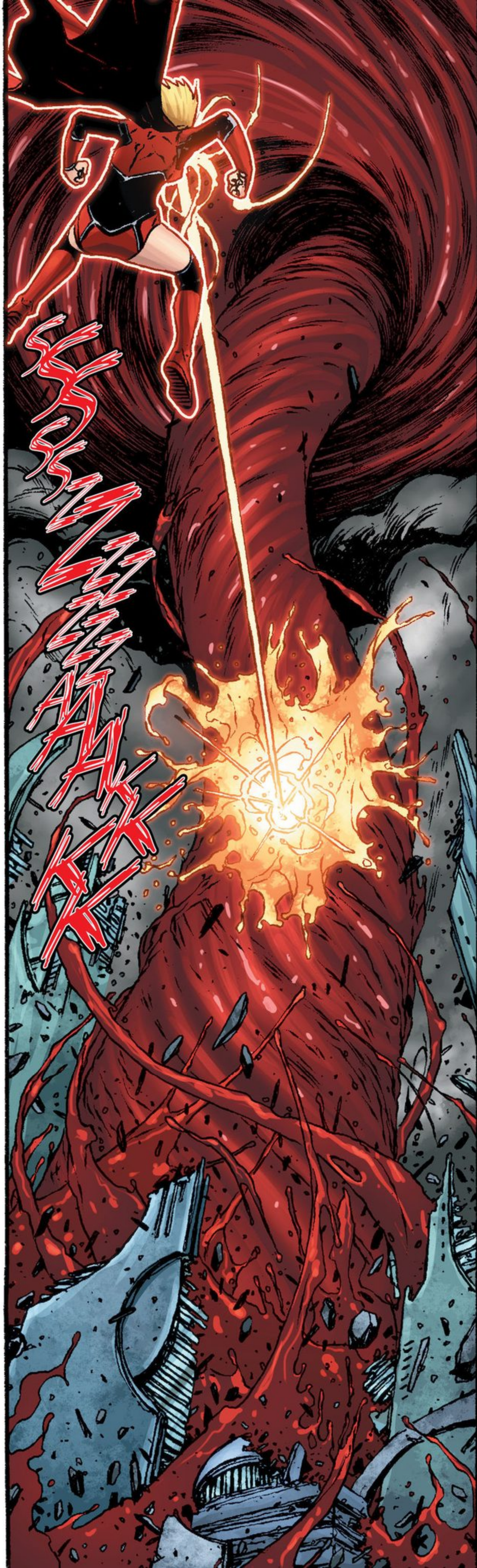
DAMN. DAMN. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL GO. FIGURE THIS OUT.

NO! I CAN FIX THIS!



HE MADE US.

HE SHOULD PAY FOR THAT.





THEY...SET
IT ON FIRE...?
IDIOTS.

STILL, WE
SHOULD TAKE
OUR NEW FRIEND AND
LEAVE, DEX-STARR.
WHATEVER DID THIS
WAS POWERFUL.

CANNNTT
KILL THEM?

EVENTUALLY.
THERE WILL BE
MUCH TO SAVOR
BETWEEN NOW
AND THEN.



CONTROL
YOURSELF!



I THOUGHT WE
WERE FRIENDS.
THAT WASN'T VERY
FRIENDLY.

GROW UP,
KARA. WEARING
A RED RING IS A
STRUGGLE. YOU
CANNOT GIVE IN TO
EVERY IMPULSE, NO
MATTER HOW MUCH
IT WANTS YOU TO
DO. YOU INSIST
YOU ARE A NOT
A CHILD? PROVE IT.

GROW
UP.



BLEEZ IS RIGHT, KARA. I MIGHT
HAVE SAID IT DIFFERENTLY, BUT
IT'S NOT ABOUT BEING ANGRY ALL
THE TIME. IT'S ABOUT BEING ANGRY
FOR THE RIGHT REASONS, AND
DOING SOMETHING WITH
THAT.

KID--

I TOLD
YOU--

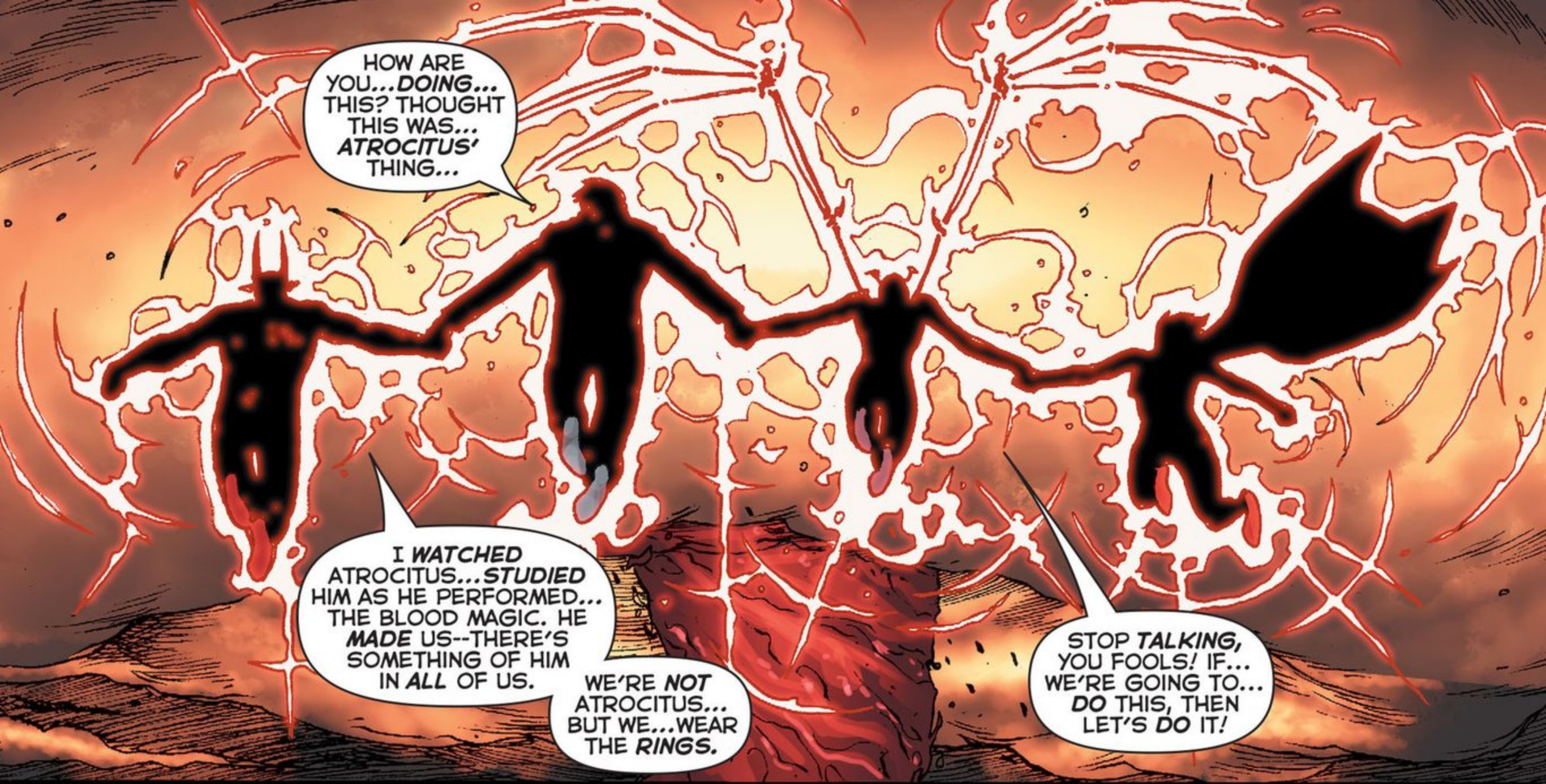
KID, DON'T
BECOME A PROBLEM.
I KNOW YOU WERE
TRYING TO HELP, BUT
DON'T BECOME SOME-
THING WE HAVE TO SOLVE.
YOU'RE BETTER THAN
THAT. I KNOW
YOU ARE.

I--



HOW THE HELL
DO WE DEAL WITH
THIS? IT'S GOING TO
DESTROY THE CITY,
FOR SURE. HOW LONG
WILL IT BURN?
COULD IT DESTROY
THE PLANET?

HARD TO
SAY. THIS IS...
UNPRECEDENTED.
BUT I MAY HAVE
AN IDEA...



HOW ARE YOU...DOING... THIS? THOUGHT THIS WAS... ATROCITUS' THING...

I WATCHED ATROCITUS...STUDIED HIM AS HE PERFORMED... THE BLOOD MAGIC. HE MADE US--THERE'S SOMETHING OF HIM IN ALL OF US.

WE'RE NOT ATROCITUS... BUT WE...WEAR THE RINGS.

STOP TALKING, YOU FOOLS! IF... WE'RE GOING TO... DO THIS, THEN LET'S DO IT!



BLOOD MAGIC. UNBELIEVABLE.

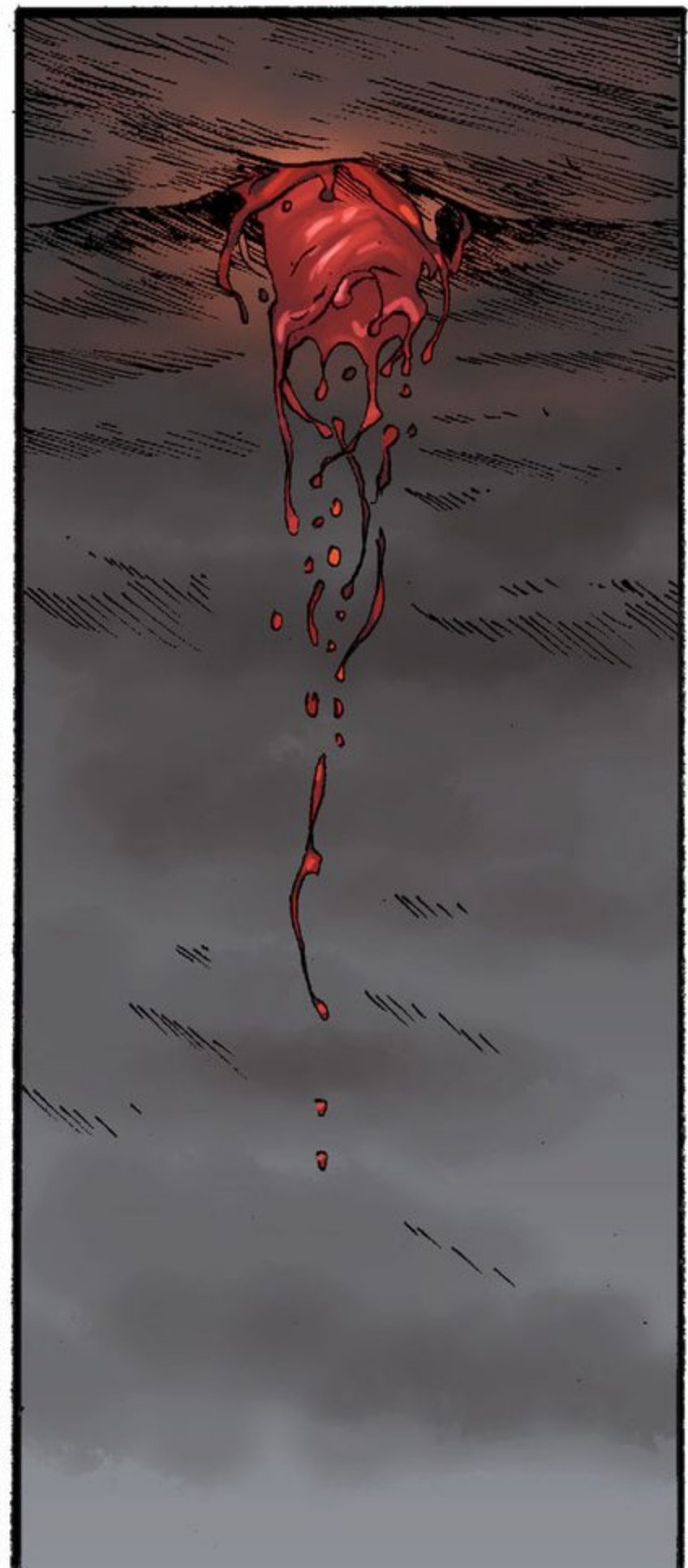
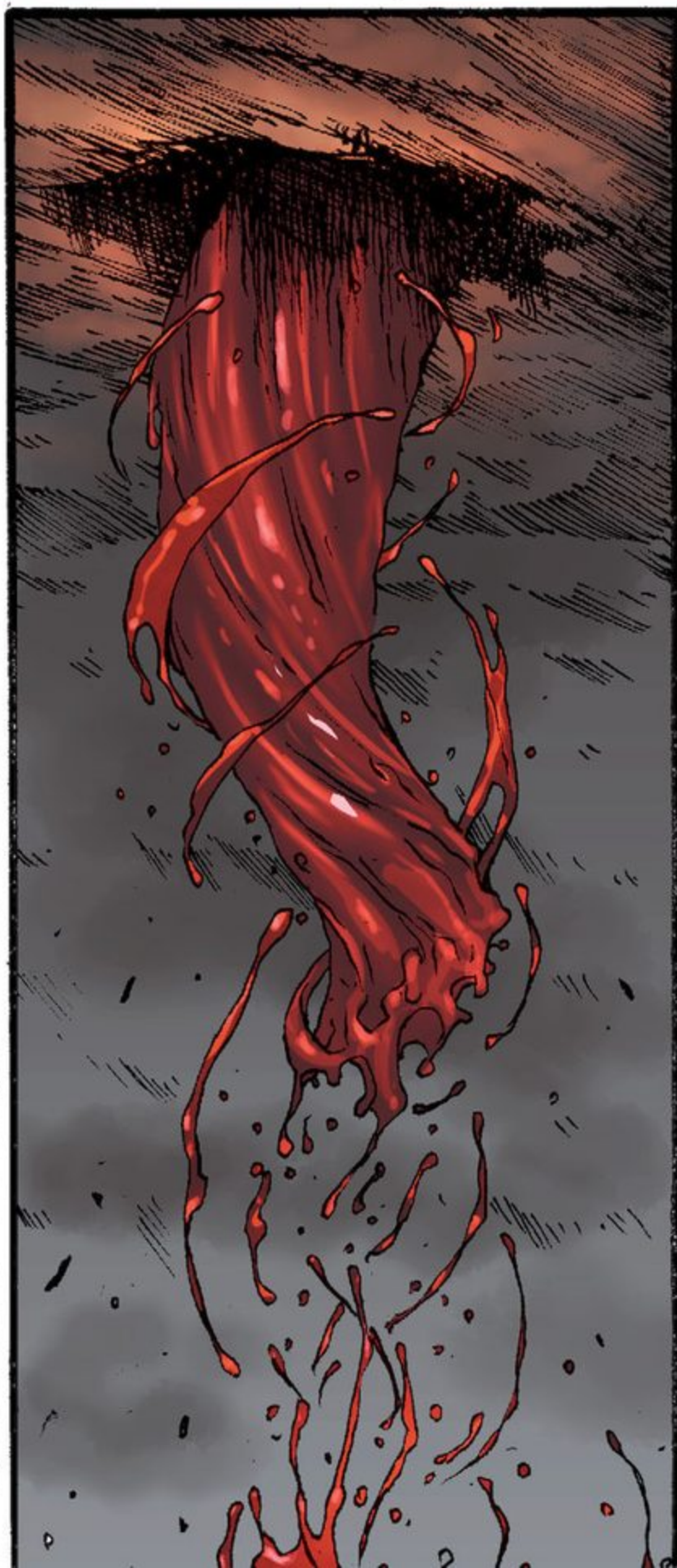
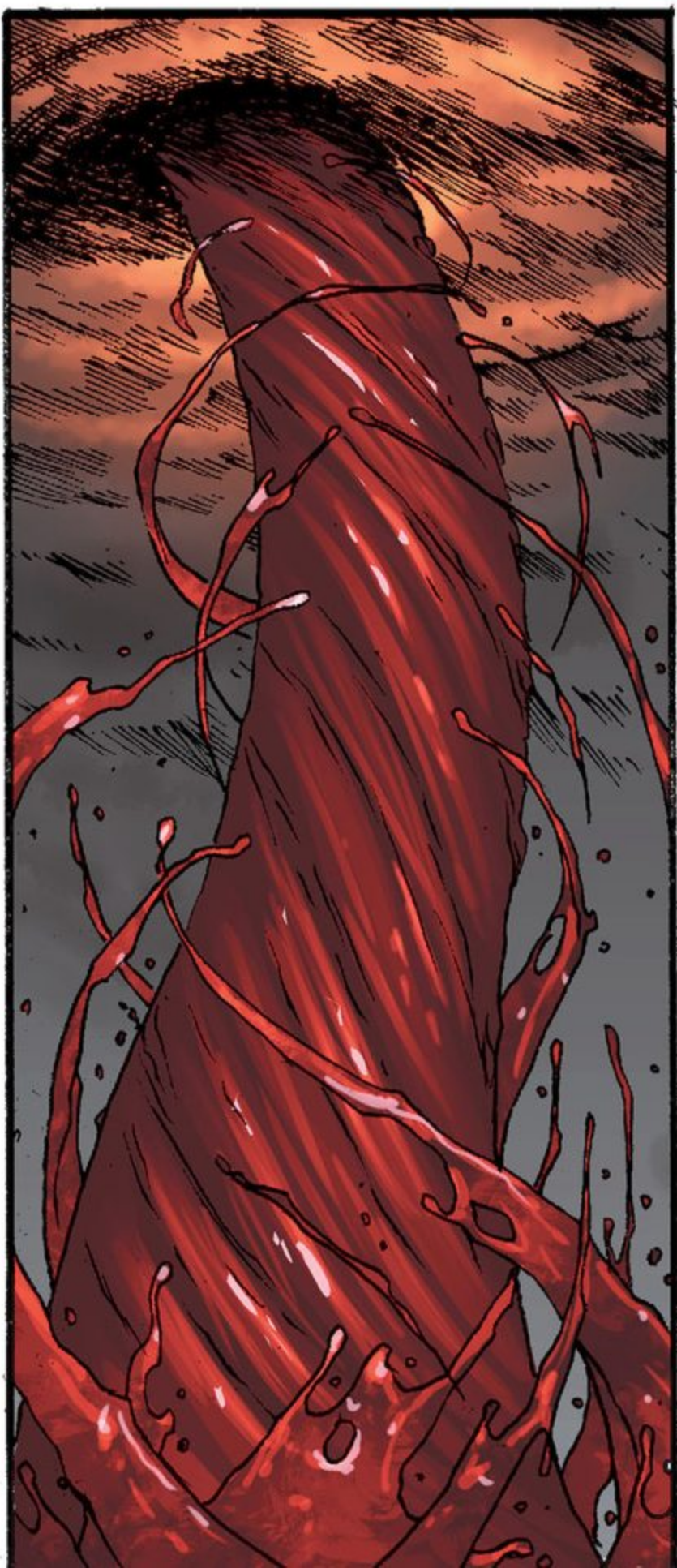
I GOT NOTHIN' OF THAT GUY-- HE'S--



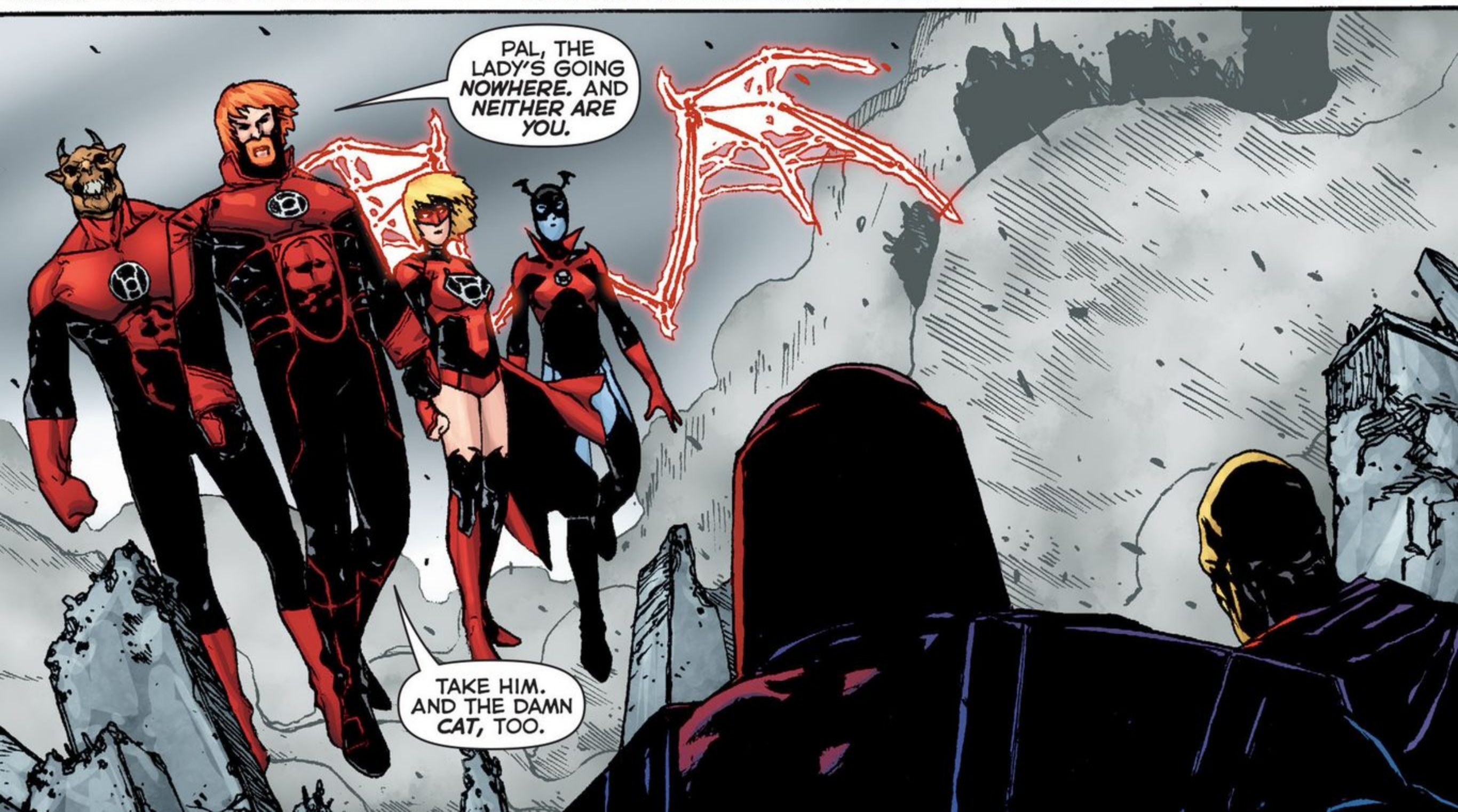
FOCUS! THIS IS... DIFFICULT.



FOR YOU.









RANKORR.



HOLD UP.

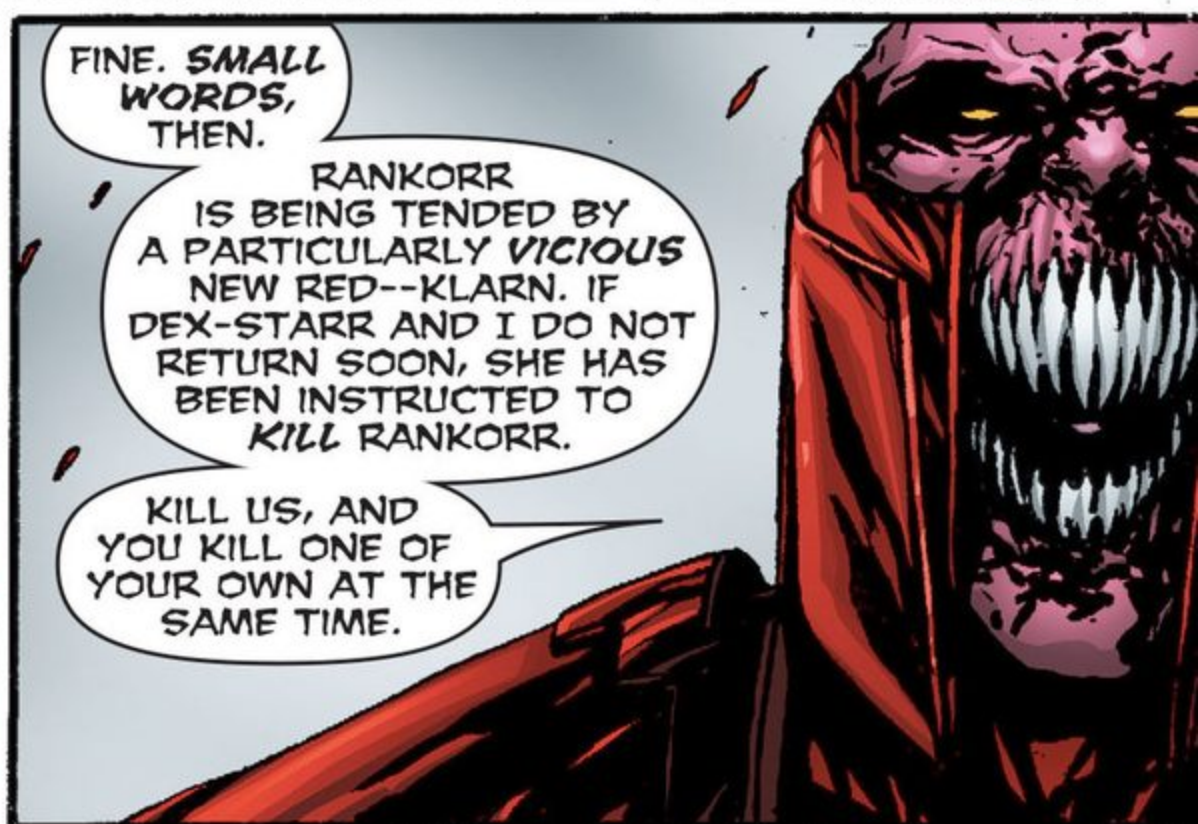


WE KNOW YOU HAVE HIM. BLEEZ TOLD US. IT'S NOT GOING TO SAVE YOU.

WE AREN'T TALKING ABOUT ME. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HIM.

YOU THINK I JUST LEFT HIM ALONE? NO. HE HAS A JAILER-- YOUR NEW SISTER KLARN.

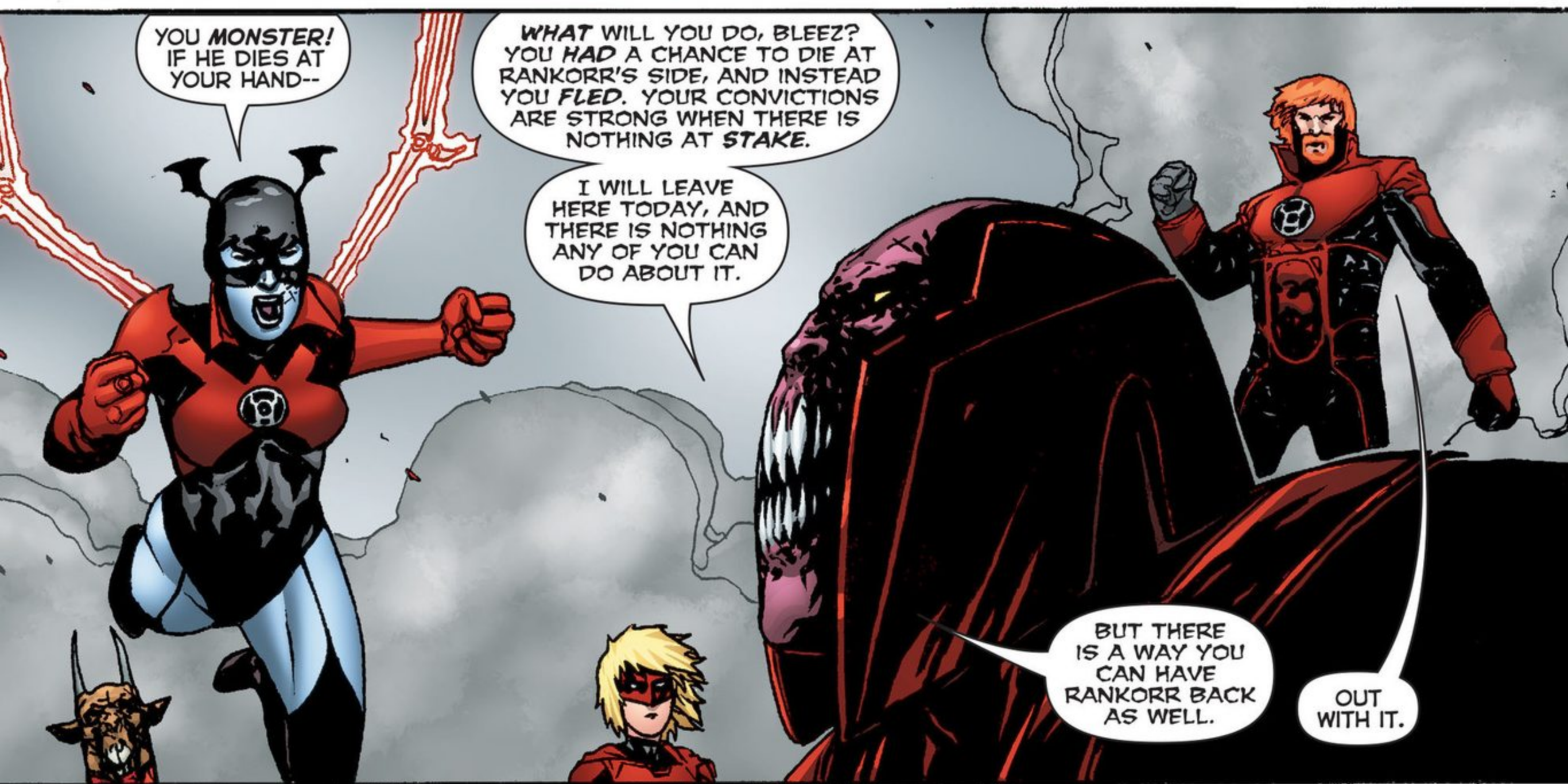
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



FINE. *SMALL WORDS*, THEN.

RANKORR IS BEING TENDED BY A PARTICULARLY VIOCEOUS NEW RED--KLARN. IF DEX-STARR AND I DO NOT RETURN SOON, SHE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO *KILL* RANKORR.

KILL US, AND YOU KILL ONE OF YOUR OWN AT THE SAME TIME.



YOU MONSTER! IF HE DIES AT YOUR HAND--

WHAT WILL YOU DO, BLEEZ? YOU *HAD* A CHANCE TO DIE AT RANKORR'S SIDE, AND INSTEAD YOU *FLED*. YOUR CONVICTIONS ARE STRONG WHEN THERE IS NOTHING AT *STAKE*.

I WILL LEAVE HERE TODAY, AND THERE IS NOTHING ANY OF YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT.

BUT THERE IS A WAY YOU CAN HAVE RANKORR BACK AS WELL.

OUT WITH IT.



LET ME LEAVE WITH *HER*, AND I WILL RETURN RANKORR TO YOU.

THAT IS MY *BLOOD OATH*.





I--

NO.

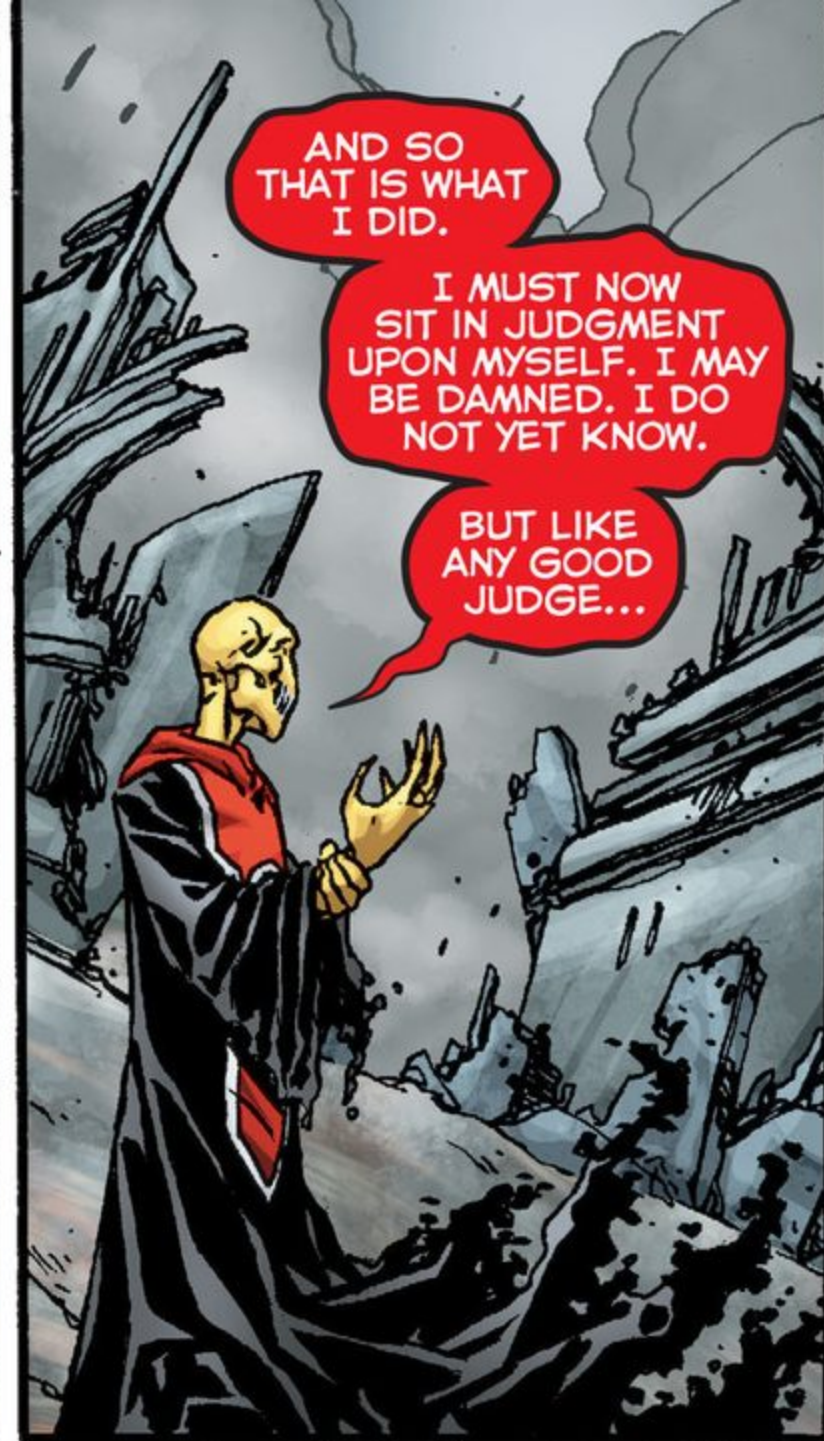
WHY NOT? YOU HAVE LOOKED INTO MY HEAD. YOU KNOW WHAT I AIM TO DO.

I DO. BUT THAT IS NOT ENOUGH.



THERE IS MUCH I DO NOT YET UNDERSTAND ABOUT THIS RING. WHEN IT FIRST FOUND ME, THE RAGE I FELT--PURE, CLEAN. COLD. YOU SAY I WAS NOT INSANE? I WAS.

NOTHING... NOTHING MADE MORE SENSE THAN DESTROYING THE CORRUPTION ROTTING MY HOME FROM WITHIN.



AND SO THAT IS WHAT I DID.

I MUST NOW SIT IN JUDGMENT UPON MYSELF. I MAY BE DAMNED. I DO NOT YET KNOW.

BUT LIKE ANY GOOD JUDGE...



...I NEED TO HEAR BOTH SIDES BEFORE I PASS SENTENCE.

I UNDERSTAND YOU, ATROCITUS. BUT I NEED TO UNDERSTAND THESE OTHERS AS WELL.

I AM SORRY IF THIS DOOMS THIS RANKORR, BUT THAT IS NOT MY CONCERN. I MUST BE JUDGED.

IT'S YOUR LIFE, LADY. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO WITH ATROCITUS, DON'T. I DON'T BLAME YOU.

NO!



GARDNER, HE'LL KILL HIM. YOU CAN'T LET THIS HAPPEN!

EASY, BLEEZ.



IS THIS HOW IT STARTS, THEN? ARE YOU DECLARING WAR ON US?

NO, GARDNER. NOT YET. WHEN I DECLARE WAR, YOU WILL KNOW.



OH, THE THINGS I HAVE PLANNED FOR YOU, GUY GARDNER. YOU AND ANYONE WHO STANDS WITH YOU.

GET IN LINE, PAL. YOU AIN'T THE FIRST, AND I GUARANTEE YOU WON'T BE THE LAST.



WORSE THAN YOU HAVE TRIED TO TAKE GUY GARDNER DOWN!

AND YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU KNOW WHAT?



I'M STILL HERE, YOU BASTARD!

I'M STILL HERE!



UNTIL THEN, GARDNER.



YEAH.



PLEASE.
WILL YOU ALL
JUST...LEAVE?
WE CAN'T FORCE
YOU, BUT...
PLEASE.

BUT WE CAN
HELP. WE CAN HELP
CLEAR AWAY THE
DAMAGE--THERE'S
A LOT WE--

PLEASE.



CAN'T HELP
'EM IF THEY
DON'T WANT TO
BE HELPED,
KARA.

BLEEZ IS
RIGHT. SO MUCH
FOR BEING THE
GOOD ONES.

LET'S
GO.



WHAT NOW,
GARDNER?

WHAT THE
HELL DO
YOU THINK,
SKALLOX?



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BACK.

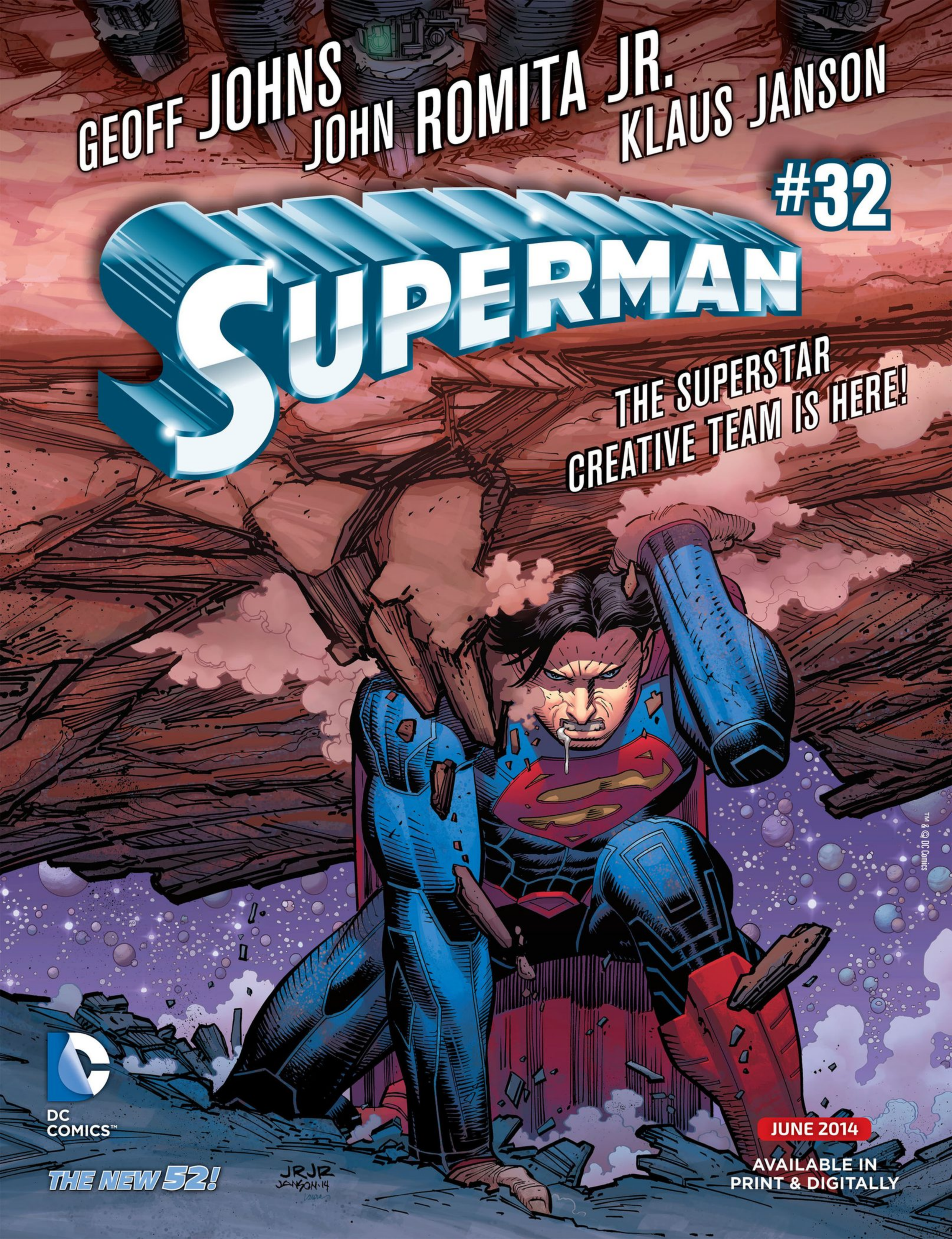
**NEXT: OPERATION
RESCUE RANKORR!**

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